

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS

October 15, 2023



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." *Matthew 22:21*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



We see our community as one moved by Faith, led by Hope and united in Charity, seeking, as a caring family, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ by reaching out in welcome to all: the young, the old, the stranger, and the neighbor. We commit ourselves to helping and healing, to feeding the hungry, to visiting the sick, and to consoling the bereaved as Jesus commanded in the gospels.

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WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

FUNERALS: Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.

SICK & SHUT-INS: Priests are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing, at the Rectory by Mon 10am.



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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 21
 9:00 AM Martha Manning Cashman, 1st Anniversary
 4:00 PM Phyllis Davis

Sunday October 22
 7:30 AM *Pro Populo*
 9:00 AM Maria 'Kelly' Scimone Rizkalla
 11:00 AM Daniel James Nolan, 1st Anniversary

Monday October 23
 9:00 AM Robert Digiammarino
 11:00 AM Ann MacDonald Loveland, Funeral

Tuesday October 24
 9:00 AM Richard Bouchard

Wednesday October 25
 9:00 AM Rev. Peter J Donohoe and deceased Donohue Family members

Thursday October 26
 9:00 AM William Anthony Quigley, Birthday Remembrance

Friday October 27
 9:00 AM John and Mary Adamo

Saturday October 28
 9:00 AM Joseph Lamonde, 1st Anniversary
 4:00 PM John Adamo

Sunday October 29
 7:30 AM *Pro populo*
 9:00 AM Those praying for an end to abortion.
 11:00 AM Fern Natola, 24th Anniversary

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday October 28
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran

Sunday October 29
 7:30 AM Fr. Stephen
 9:00 AM TBA
 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

Sunday
Coffee and Donuts
 Welcome All!
 following
 9:00 a.m.
 Mass




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

Confirmation 2023



Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00pm.

Confirmation Retreats will take place this week and next beginning with the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass, followed by Luncheon, Presentations and Discussion. Finished by 2 p.m. Choose One:

Today, Sunday, October 22, 2023;
 Sunday October 29, 2023.

Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Religious Education Registration Forms

If you or someone you know did not receive a form please contact the office.

Religious Education Classes

have begun for the year

New registrations still continue.

Second Grader's Parent Meetings

Meeting in preparation for our children's First Reconciliation Celebration.

Choice of:

Sunday, October 22 at 10 a.m. (Coffee and Donuts)
 Monday, October 23 at 3 p.m. (during class time)
 Tuesday, October 24 at 3 p.m. (during class time)
 Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m. (evening preference)
 Wednesday, October 25 at 3 p.m. (during class time)

World Mission Sunday

This week's Special Collection supports Catholic World Missions. By baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and to share their faith as missionaries. Together we assist 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. For Information: www.propfaithboston.org.



FAITH AND PLAY is

a time for our youngest parishioners to gather to grow in their faith. This group is perfect for parents with children ages **Baby to 5 Years**. Join us once a month for a time to play and learn. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Upcoming: November 13th, December 11th.

In nice weather we meet in the gardens next to the Church and then we will move indoors to the Parish Center.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

To whom do you belong? Whose image and name do you bear? What difference does it make?? The answer of the Lord Jesus to those who had challenged him regarding the payment or less of the census tax to the occupying Romans forces of his day was meant by him to help you answer the question of your belonging, today. The relationship and duties of individuals and states, of believers and the body politic are always challenging issues, and ask of us urgent attention especially in the theatres of conflict such as Ukraine, Israel and so many other places.

The Pharisees had plotted the Gospel occasion, sending their own representatives together with the opposing Herodians' representatives. Together they posed one of the more vexing political questions of that day: whether or not to pay the Roman tax. They were sure Jesus would necessarily end up deeply offending against one or the other faction. In the end, however, they lose. Jesus tells them: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (cf. Mt 22:15-21). The Pharisees cannot oppose giving "God what belongs to God" nor can the Herodians object to giving "Caesar what is Caesar's." Jesus bests them both.

Using gifts of mind, heart, reason and faith it falls to us to appreciate, in the light of the whole Gospel, how and to whom we belong. Nothing in Jesus' statement demands a separation of Caesar's realm over and against that of God, or *vice versa*. He does, however, set a distinction between them, and sets out our duties to render properly to both. The Gospel demands a recognition of the supremacy of God over our life, for it is God's image in which we were created and it is God's name that we bear. And it is because of our duty to love God and neighbor that we rightfully ask what is our just duty to society. What are the just responsibilities and limits of civil society and government with regard to our common life? There have been many and varied answers over the centuries. Our own day is not settled on the question. Current political conflicts exist between rights of states and the rights and respect owed to individuals, especially that of innocent life. Current social struggles and innovations regarding the themes of "life," "marriage," "family," "gender," and "sexuality" are important for us these days. What does our duty to God have to say about such matters in their social dimensions? Certainly, we look to the Gospel to discover the full measure of the dignity of the human person and the inestimable value of human life.

Two points may be drawn. The "what" possessed by Caesar is, in fact, those things we give to him. That is, the responsibility and concern of government are those things, and only those things, that we the people expressly confide to Caesar's, that is, to the government's care. The pomps and pretences of governments "creating" rights rather than receiving responsibilities from real people who possess those rights inalienably, should be unmasked and restrained whenever they appear. Moreover, we are to give to God what is God's. The most precious of those realities is the heart of relationship. We possess the capacity and destiny for relationship as a gift received from God, as a share in his very own love through the incarnation of his Son. The gift of home, of family life and social life exists first in relation to God, not Caesar, for the loves of our lives belong to God in his love. We do not receive such a precious gift from the hands or machinations of Caesar's economies, the world's power blocks, parties or platforms. That gift of love in all its moments comes to us from God and is to be returned to God in all thanksgiving through the respect and dignity in which we hold and serve each other each and every day.

Confirmation for our High School Juniors will take place Sunday, November 5th. Please keep the *Confirmandi* very much in your prayers in these last weeks of preparation. Their Confirmation Retreats are taking place this weekend and next.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



VIRTUS is an awareness program for child safety that identifies and trains parishioners in best practices designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "right doing" within the parish. The VIRTUS program empowers people to better control risk in all our activities and to improve the lives of all those who participate at any level. The word 'virtus' denotes a way of life and manner of behavior that always aspires to the highest, most positive attributes of people and aspects of our human interaction.

All parish staff, religious education volunteers and liturgical ministers must have received this training in order to serve. We work together for the safety and happiness of everyone.

Pre-registration online is necessary for the program.

Go to: Virtusonline.org
select: First time Registrant; click: Begin Registration;
select: Boston, MA (Archdiocese), and follow prompts.
The registration process will show you locations and times if you did not attend last weeks sessions here.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.

October ~ For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level.



[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(Apostleship of Prayer\) - EYM \(popesprayer.va\)](http://Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (popesprayer.va))

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$5,603.00 • Online: \$2,504.00)

Offertory Total: \$8,107.00

**St. Vincent de Paul
\$96.00**

Deeply thankful for your generosity!

**All Souls' Day
Mass of Remembrance
November 2, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

We pray for those gone before us in faith
this past year
and for all our faithful departed.



Needed: Winter Protection

The Creation Care Team is holding a collection drive as we respond to "the cry of the poor" during the weekends of Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 for refugees who are being housed in dorms at Salem State. Most of the refugees are from Haiti and do not have warm clothes for the winter, so we are asking your help to provide:

- New young children's winter jackets (sizes newborn – 6);
- New adult winter hats and gloves.



Items may be placed in the collection bin at the entryway of church. Thank you very much for your help.

Recycling Drive

In partnership with the Marblehead Recycling Committee, our Creation Care Team is holding a recycling drive this Season of Creation. Please see the list below of the items we're collecting, along with the destinations. The donation box can be found in the Church entryway until the end of October.

Cell phones ~ to Cell Phones for Soldiers

Printer cartridges ~ to Staples

Eyeglasses ~ to Marblehead Opticians

Hearing aids ~ to North Shore Hearing Foundation

Your assistance will put usable items to new use and will come to the need of those who can use help.

Thank-you!



Permanent Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

If you are discerning a call to the Diaconate, a 3-part inquiry program is being offered. Session I: October 23 at 7pm at St. Maria Goretti Hall, 112 Chestnut Street, Lynnfield. (Church basement. Use side door); Session II: November 9 or 30, 7-8:30pm online; Session III: December 9, 9am-1pm at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Wives of inquirers are strongly recommended to attend Sessions I and III. There are other sessions being offered throughout the diocese. For more information, email deacon_vocations@rcab.org or call 617-746-5843.

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Christmas Fair Crafters

The Christmas Craft Group meet in the Parish Center, Conference Room B, every Tuesday

from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We are making items to be sold at the Christmas Fair on December 2nd. All tools, supplies and instructions are provided.



Use of the mini glue gun is required.

If you knit, sew or crochet and would like to make items at home to be sold at the Fair, you may do so.



New Members are welcome!



Jewelry Table at the Christmas Fair

We invite you to donate costume jewelry items for this event.

Maybe a pair of earrings or a necklace or brooch that you no longer wear?

We gladly welcome all donations.

There is a box on the back porch of the Rectory where you can leave your jewels and precious gems no later than Friday, November 24th.

Thank you so much!



Comments from Deacon Joe

Interfaith Vigil

Last Sunday the religious communities of Marblehead joined for a beautiful prayer vigil at Star of the Sea Church to express our solidarity with the Jewish community in the aftermath of the vicious terrorist attacks on Israel by Hamas on October 7. It seems as if every Jewish citizen of Marblehead knows people in Israel who were affected by the violence. Rabbi

Schwartz of Temple Sinai personally knew two women each of whom had founded an organization to bring Israelis and Palestinians together for mutual understanding. One was murdered in the attacks, and one was kidnapped.

So we gathered and we prayed and we sang, asking God for protection for his people, to change hearts, to enable us to bring peace. It is very important for our Jewish brothers and sisters to know, to hear directly from us, that they are not alone, that we stand with them, when they have suffered the worst attack on ordinary citizens since the days of Nazi Germany. There have been many expressions of thanks to the interfaith community for holding this service, and it is an honor for Star of the Sea to have been able to welcome all into our church.

Music Review. Later on Sunday we were treated to a wonderful organ recital by our former music director Eric Anderson. He put the instrument through its paces, with explanations before each piece both about the music and about what sounds we'd hear from the organ.



Some of the music was very rousing and some was more meditative. Eric was joined by Holly Cameron, who sang "My Master from a Garden Rose" by Gordon Young, and by Matt Arnold, who sang "The Lost Chord" by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

This was a very satisfying start to the 2023-24 series of concerts. The winter concerts are announced on posters in the church, and we look forward to the spring series to be announced later.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Apostles Saints Simon and Jude. Saint Simon is called the Canaanite in one place in the gospels and the Zealot in another, possibly meaning that he came from a movement that wanted to force the Romans out of the Holy Land. There are numerous traditions about the areas where he preached the gospel. One is that he first went to Egypt and then with Jude to Persia and elsewhere. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simon_the_Zealot Saint Jude, also called Thaddeus, is considered the author of the Epistle of Jude and a brother of St. James the Less, thus a relative of Jesus. As with Simon, there are many legends but no certainty about his activity after Pentecost. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jude_the_Apostle We do know that Jesus chose both Simon and Jude to be his apostles and that as such they helped establish the Church and that they can be powerful intercessors for us in our needs as well as examples of faith lived out.

There are no other feasts or obligatory memorials this week.

Have a good week.

Enjoy the Fall!

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
October 22, 2023*



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